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C O N F I D E N T I A L WELLINGTON 3337

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PLOS, PBOR

SUBJ: LOS: NEW ZEALAND SUPPORTS THE COOK ISLANDS AND NIUE  
BECOMING SIGNATORIES TO LOS CONVENTION

REF: (A) STATE 185850, (B) WELLINGTON 2962

1. DEPUTY SECRETARY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS MERWYN NORRISH  
INFORMED EMBASSY ON SEPTEMBER 3 THAT AFTER VERY CAREFUL  
CONSIDERATION WITHIN GNZ, NEW ZEALAND HAD DECIDED  
THAT IT WOULD SUPPORT THE COOK ISLANDS AND NIUE BECOMING  
SIGNATORIES TO THE LAW OF THE SEA CONVENTION. HE SAID  
BOTH THE COOKS AND NIUE WERE NOT FULLY  
INDEPENDENT AND AS UNDER-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WOULD  
BENEFIT UNDER THE CONVENTION IF THEY SIGNED IN THEIR  
OWN RIGHT. ON THE OTHER HAND, IF NEW ZEALAND AS A  
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DEVELOPED COUNTRY SIGNED FOR THEM, THE COOKS AND NIUE

WOULD DERIVE NO BENEFIT.

2. NORRISH SAID NEW ZEALAND VIEWED THE QUESTION OF LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AS A SEPARATE ISSUE FROM THE COOK ISLANDS AND NIUE. NEW ZEALAND REALIZED THAT LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, AND PARTICULARLY THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION, HAD SERIOUS IMPLICATIONS FOR THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE UNITED STATES. NEW ZEALAND WOULD OPPOSE THE PLO BECOMING A SIGNATORY TO THE LOS CONVENTION.

3. NORRISH SAID THAT FOREGOING HAD BEEN CABLED TO THE NEW ZEALAND DELEGATION AT THE LOS CONFERENCE. SELDEN

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